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January 2014

Here we are a few weeks into the New Year. Hopefully you saw a bit of a surge in traffic as people started their New Year's resolutions of learning a new language, brushing up on their home improvement skills, finding healthier recipes, starting work out programs, or just to read a bit more this year. You may also have seen some customers drop their resolutions; as a [study](#)¹ from the University of Scranton suggests a quarter of all New Year's resolutions are dropped after only 2 weeks. Other surveys found similar dismal numbers for New Year's Resolutions. But why do they fail?

Vague goals are suggested as a culprit. Saying "learn a musical instrument" doesn't help motivate a person day-after-day, while "attend a guitar class once a week" does a better job of pushing toward long term success. If you have a measurable outcome – something you can actually mark as accomplished or can see what you have done and what you haven't done, your goal will be more likely to be reached.

Another thing that holds people back is making a goal very big, but not listing the smaller chunks to make it actually happen. "Enjoy life to the fullest" is a popular resolution, but what does that mean? How does one achieve that as a goal? Perhaps slicing it down to "Take a vacation day every three months", "Don't work overtime more than once a

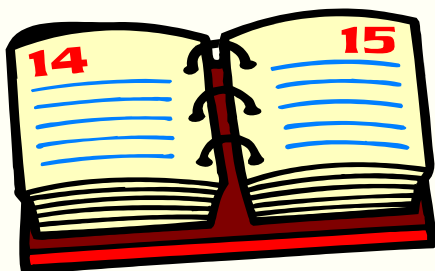
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1: <http://www.forbes.com/sites/dandiamond/2013/01/01/just-8-of-people-achieve-their-new-years-resolutions-heres-how-they-did-it/>

Photo of the Month



Fairbury Public Library staff celebrate the holidays with new sweatshirts encouraging patrons to "Read S'more."



CALENDAR

January 2014

January 11th— Alexander Hamilton's birthday. We celebrated, did you?

January 13th— The Prophet's Birthday. Muslim holiday celebrating the birth of the prophet Muhammad.

January 16th— NLC Accreditation and Strategic Planning Meeting in Beatrice.

January 16th— Tu Bishvat. A Jewish holiday celebrating the "new year" for trees. It is also celebrated similar to Arbor Day in Israel.

January 19th— Edgar Allen Poe's Birthday (born 1809).

January 20th— Martin Luther King Jr. Day, SELS Office Closed.

January 24th— CASTL Meeting at Greenwood Public Library. Topic: Disposal of used books - We'll bring information on some options you maybe didn't know about, plus ask attendees for their best practices. As mentioned before, we are bringing back the book talk portion of the round robin. For those of you new to CASTL, we encourage attendees to do a very brief book talk about a book you read related to the theme of the month. You do not have to share a title, but many have found interesting titles to add to their library's collections through this time of sharing, as well as their own personal reading lists. Our theme for this meeting is to pick one of the many "Top books of 2013" from one of the many lists found at <http://www.selsne.org/toptenlists.html>. Please let Will & I know if you plan on attending this new date.

January 26th— Australia Day. In 1788, a shipload of convicts from British prisons arrived and established a prison colony.

January 27th— Lewis Carroll's Birthday (born 1832).

January 29th— Puzzle Day. From board puzzles and jigsaws to crosswords and the Professor's Cube, it's a day to celebrate puzzles of all types.

January 30th— Nebraska Library Commission Online Accreditation and Strategic Planning Meeting. The meeting will be hosted through GoToMeeting and will take place from 1:00 to 4:30. Registration details: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgId=12855>.

January 31st— Chinese New Year. Year of the Wood Horse.

January 31st— Zane Grey's Birthday (born 1872).

February— Black History Month

February 1st— Take Your Child to the Library Day (just don't leave them there unattended).

February 2nd— Super Bowl XLVIII. Commercials with breaks for football. This year, ticket prices are upwards of \$2000.

February 3rd— The Day the Music Died.

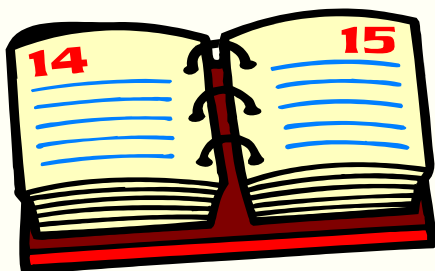
February 5th— NLA Advocacy Day in Lincoln.

February 5th— National Girls and Women in Sports Day. The theme this year is "Passing the Torch, Blazing the Trail!"

February 5th— Digital Learning Day: www.digitallearningday.org/.

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CALENDAR

January 2014

February 6th— Birthday of Aaron Burr, third Vice-President of the United States of America and winner of the Burr–Hamilton duel.

February 7th— The Opening Ceremony of the Winter Olympics in Sochi. The Games last until the 23rd of February.

February 11th— Make a Friend Day. What a great excuse to get to know that person you often see but haven't had an excuse to talk to yet.

February 13th— CASTL Meeting at Wymore Public Library. Topic: National Library Week, share your plans for events and displays. Book Talk Theme: Books involving Presidents (biographies, non-fiction, historical fiction... if it involves a president of some kind, it's fair game). All are welcome. Let us know if you plan to attend.

February 14th— Bibliostat Deadline.

February 14th— Valentine's Day.

February 15th— Single's Awareness Day.

February 16th— Do a Grouch a Favor Day. Everyone knows one. Why not do something to make their day! Maybe you're the grouchy one. In that case, be a little selfish and do something for yourself!

February 17th— Random Acts of Kindness Day. The perfect match for yesterday!

February 17th— Presidents' Day and George Washington's Birthday. SELS Office closed.

February 18th— National Battery Day.

February 21st— SELS Board Meeting, Geneva Public Library. Meeting begins at 10. Let us know if you plan on attending.

February 27th— No Brainer Day. Remove those easy-to-do tasks from your list!

February 28th— Public Sleeping Day... On second thought, librarians deal with this enough already.

February 28th— Big Talk from Small Libraries. See page 8 for details on the SELS group watch.

February 29th, 2016— Leap Day. Don't let this one sneak up on you!

March 3rd— Read Across America Day.

March 6th— World Book Day <http://readingagency.org.uk/children/005-get-involved/world-book-day-2014.html>.

March 9th— Daylight Saving Time begins at 2am. Spring Forward.

March 9– 15— Teen Tech Week: <http://teentechweek.ning.com>.

March 13th— CASTL Meeting at Exeter Public Library. Topic: Dealing with Medical Emergencies [tentative, speaker pending]. Book Talk Theme Books turned into movies, or movies turned into books (March 13th is National Popcorn Day). All are welcome. Let us know if you plan to attend.

April 18th— SELS Friends Aged to Perfection at James Arthur Vineyards.

Open House for Wanda Marget



An Open House was held at the Fairmont Library in honor of Wanda Marget who has served as director for 20 years. Library patrons, friends and family enjoyed cake and memories of her many contributions to the growth of our library.

Pictured with Wanda are member of the library board, Linda Chambers, Connie Jo Felton, Wanda, Georgia Schropfer and Julie Atmore. Not pictured Jan Bright.



SELS Book Drawing

Southeast Library System is pleased to announce the three winners of the book drawing. Winner of *The Borrower* by Rebecca Makkai is Michelle Smallridge from Plattsmouth, winner of *The Ocean*

at the End of the Lane by Neil Gaiman is Sheila Schumacher from Lincoln Public Schools, and winner of *Moon Hoax* is Glenda Willnerd from Palmyra. Thanks to all who entered!

Check Out Our Décor

Charlotte Baldinger, Seward

Seward Memorial Library started the year with a new fundraising project. This month boxes of Christmas ornaments, decorations, and even trees have been dropped off at the library. In a recent newsletter the library made an appeal to those who no longer wanted their holiday décor, and the patrons responded by donating materials. Unused

or well-loved every day or holiday home decorating items will be collected throughout the year for a unique event in the fall. In September the community is invited to browse through the home decorations and for a donation give them a new home. Someone's trash could be another person's treasure. Watch for details in the coming months, and a September invitation from Seward Friends to you.



Southeast Library System Front Porch Award Application

The Front Porch Award is presented to a library (academic, institutional, public or school) that displays ingenuity in creating an atmosphere that welcomes patrons to their facility. This award and \$100 will be presented during National Library Week, April 13-19, 2014. Non-accredited libraries are welcome to apply.

Enclose the following with your nomination:

Name of Library: _____

Name of Individual submitting the application: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

- In 250 words or less, state why your library deserves this award.
- Information about activities/programs you have developed for your library.
- Two letters of recommendation from any library supporter.
- Any other information that shows your library deserves this award.

Nominations must be submitted to:
 Southeast Library System Administrator
 5730 R St. Ste. C-1
 Lincoln, NE 68505
selsne@gmail.com

Application deadline is March 1, 2014

CASTL

In December, the CASTL meeting was hosted by Director George Matzen and his staff at Webermeier Library in Milford. We started the day with Mary Sauers from the Nebraska Library Commission talking about the Affordable Care Act, Healthcare.gov, and what resources libraries have in answering question about them.

She has put together a list of resources found at: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/reserve/aca.docx> that also includes slides from her talk today.

The website, healthcare.gov seems to working better now than it had in the past. There are also other ways to access information; a person can do an in-person visit with someone, they could phone, or by mail (contact

information on healthcare.gov website itself) but

going through the website is the preferred method.

There are also different types of assistance out there. There are Application Assistors, Certified Application Counselor, and Navigators. Assistors & Counselors can help people go through the forms, but can't help people make decisions. Navigators can help people make decisions and offer guidance. All three types have gone through a certification process to earn their titles. There are three Navigator groups in our area. They are located in Humboldt, Lincoln, & Fairbury.

This brings up that library staff who have not gone through a formal certification to be an Assistor or Counselor should not be giving extra advice. The best way to approach assisting patrons should be like the model you use for taxes or unemployment benefits; you can show them how to get on the website, but don't make decisions for them, or give

advice on anything other than how to use the site.

We then shared a little bit about our experiences with the site. None of the attendees had patrons who had asked for assistance yet.

We then moved to our round robin. Some successful fundraising from Friends groups was reported along with some frustrations dealing with building issues. A request for an Apollo User Group meeting was made, especially to go over statistical reports, now that it is Bibliostat time again.

After a lunch break, George showed off the behind the scenes for the theater setup for his community room. A highlight was that he did not use a screen, but had painted a portion of the wall. What was even more interesting is that he had used a certain type of house trim paint and not one of the specialty "screen paints" available on the market. Attendees saw the color coded spine labels of the library's collection, and how they handle DVDs in a space saving way. In the public area are small binders that show the DVD collection's cover art. Patrons grab a slip out of the binder for the DVD they want, and then ask for it at the desk. The DVDs are kept in cases that are only a little bigger than the disc, so it doesn't take a lot of room at the front desk.



CASTL meetings are open to librarians of all types, library trustees, and library friends or supporters. The meetings typically start at 10:00 a.m., and wrap up by 3:00 or 3:30. Each meeting has a dedicated topic of focus, as well as a round robin for discussion and sharing of current issues, topics and library happenings. Attendees earn continuing education hours and you are welcome to join us for all or even part of the day.

- January 24th — Greenwood Public Library
- February 13th—Wymore Public Library
- March 13th—Exeter Public Library

CASTL wrap up

Read Aloud Nebraska Rob Reid Workshop

Friday, April 4, 2014
Seward Memorial Library
233 South 5th Street, Seward, NE



To register, visit www.readaloudnebraska.org



9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Registration, Coffee & Book Sales

9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Reid's Read-Alouds

Learn about good picture books, chapter books, biographies, and even graphic novels to read aloud to children (preschool through middle school grades). Read-aloud tips will be shared! Rob will also share his story about how he got hooked on the cause of reading aloud to young people.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch (catered in)

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Making Lit Come Alive

Making literature come alive through storytelling, poetry, and music! This will be a highly participative exploration of how storytelling, poetry, and music are extensions and connections to specific children's books.

3:00 p.m.

Book Signing

Rob Reid is a senior lecturer for the Foundations of Education Department at the University of Wisconsin — Eau Claire. His specialties are children's literature, literature for adolescents, and storytelling. Among Rob's nine books are his latest, *Silly Stories to Read Aloud* and *What's Black and White and Reid All Over?*. He is a regular columnist for several magazines, including *Book Links* and *LibrarySparks*. Rob served on the 2006 Newbery Award Committee and was named as the Wisconsin Library Association's Librarian of the Year. Rob travels the country visiting schools and libraries as a children's humorist and speaks to library school professionals about children's programming.

Learn more about Rob Reid at www.rapnrob.com

Sowings Continued

month" or any other specific task or activity that an individual would define as "enjoying life" would help make this resolution more achievable.

For those of you who have already attended a strategic planning training session – all of this probably sounds familiar. When working on that plan, having a defined, realistic goal and making it something you can actually look at and see what progress you achieve makes a great motivator.

So, for this year did you put down "weed the collection" or "examine one section a day for books to remove"? Did you put "do more programming" or "add one new program every two months"? How you state your goals, whether it is for a plan or a New Year's Resolution, really can make a difference.

Resolutions, goals, plans – they all work toward some sort of improvement; some sort of positive change. Help yourself make that change by making your goals measurable.

Here's to a great 2014!

Scott Childers, Executive Director
Southeast Library System

Public Libraries Invited to Apply for Internship Grants — Applications due Feb. 18, 2014

by Kathryn Brockmeier

Application deadline: **Feb. 18, 2014**

Award amount: **\$500 – \$1,000**

The [Nebraska Library Commission](#)'s [Cultivating Rural Librarians' Technology Skills](#) program offers support for internships through grants to accredited public libraries. In partnership with the [Nebraska Library Association](#) and funded through a grant from the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) (IMLS) Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program, the [internship grants](#) increase awareness about library professions and education and the opportunities for employment in Nebraska libraries.

So, what can your library do with the internship program?

- Share your enthusiasm for library education and the library profession
- Expand your programming
- Bring in fresh faces
- Show interns what happens behind-the-scenes
- Partner with other library types to show the variety of work settings

Internship grants range from \$500 to \$1,000. A library may provide one 100-hour internship during the summer months that might last eight weeks, or two 50-hour internships during the school year that might last ten weeks, depending on the needs of the library and the scheduling needs and qualifications of the internship candidates. Library grantees will recruit, select, and hire their interns. Usually, interns are hired as contract workers and paid on a stipend rather than an hourly wage, but the terms of employment are determined by the library's governing body. Interns provide valuable assistance with library service activities and local library programming. Library staff help introduce interns to the joys of library service careers. Partnership projects involving collaboration between a public library and another type of library will be given special consideration.

Web conferencing: NLC staff are available by [phone](#) and through [e-mail](#) to discuss general issues relating to the internship grant program. We also invite you to participate in a webinar to learn more about the program from previous grant recipients, ask questions, and listen to the questions and comments of other participants. NLC's NCompass Live will air [Internships: Cultivating Nebraska's Future Librarians](#) on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, at 10 a.m. Central time. In this session, participating libraries will share their experiences with the internship program, including successes and lessons learned. This session will also introduce the upcoming 2014 grant opportunity for internships.

To apply: Applications are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is **Feb. 18, 2014**. More information is available on the Now Hiring @ your library[®] website, at <http://nowhiringatyourlibrary.nebraska.gov/Internships.asp>.

Big Talk for Small Libraries

By popular demand, the SELS office is facilitating a group viewing of the Big Talk From Small Libraries webconference that Christa Burns just announced in a recent email.

See <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/bigtalk/> for information.

Our group viewing will be held at Seward Memorial Library.

The webconference is free. Bring your lunch, plan on lunch on your own, or (if enough are interested) we may pitch in to get a pizza or two (or twelve).

If you wish to attend the group viewing, please contact the SELS office. We'll handle the registration & CE credit submission for those attending at Seward.

Either in a group or on your own; at Seward or at your own library - I encourage you to make time for the Big Talk From Small Libraries webconference!

Southeast Library System Meeting
 October 24, 2013
 Alice M. Farr Public Library, Aurora, NE

Board Members Present: Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Carolyn Bennett (Beatrice Public Library); Rebecca Bernthal (University of Nebraska-Lincoln); Ruth Carlock (Levitt Library, York College); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Aimee Morlan (Weeping Water Public Library); Kent Munster (Clark Enersen Partners); Sabrina Riley (Union College); Robin Sugden (Freeman Public School); Sabrina Riley (Union College); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora); Dorothy Willis (Pawnee City Public Library); and Glenda Willnerd (Palmyra Memorial Library).

Also Present: Scott Childers (SELS Director); William Bragg (SELS Administrative Assistant); and Richard Miller (Nebraska Library Commission).

Board Members Absent: Hilary Sire (Barnes & Noble Booksellers).

Meeting was called to order by Dorothy Willis at 10:21 a.m.

Consent Agenda

August 23, 2013 Minutes

Transaction Report.

Rebecca made the motion that the consent agenda be approved and Robin seconded. Motion passed.

Budget Update: Will

SELS hasn't spent too much this year due to Scott being part time. Will asked for ideas of ways to use the extra money. Ideas mentioned included: different furniture in the office, make needed changes to get the wires off the office floor, and to save some of the money back for the van. Utilities are running over the budgeted amount. Friends would like an update in March before the new budget year.

New Business

Hilary will be stepping down from the Board. SELS will need to find a replacement for her. We could go without a replacement for a short amount of time. By December, there will only be 3 board meetings left. If we appointed someone we would want someone who could be on the Board for the next 3 years. The suggestion was made to have Will check and see who had the next most votes at the last election. It was asked how hard we work at keeping Public, Academic, and Special library representative's equal on the Board. Usually an appointment is done to fill the position when someone steps down. The suggestion was made that possible names be sent to Scott and Dorothy by Oct. 31st. The Board could vote on the appointee by email. The Board doesn't have to vote on the resignation.

Executive Director Report

Scott has been on the road a lot mostly visiting the Public Libraries, but has also visited a couple of schools. He plans to visit the universities and institutions in the next couple months. Some of the libraries have had a board member or city trustee at the meeting and they have been receptive. Some are surprised at what SELS can do for them. He will be attending the Commissioner's Meeting in Lincoln tomorrow. Scott is not visiting the libraries he is well acquainted with, but is calling them. He is trying to keep the memberships active. Robin questioned whether we have ever talked to the ESU's? They are on Scott's list. ESU's have had to scale down a lot and don't provide the media services they did in the past. Scott said that Robin can continue to talk to the ESU's and tell them to start referring things to SELS.

Report from Regional systems task force.

Dorothy said they had an excellent meeting October 2nd and will meet again November 7th. Richard and Rod set the meetings up. They are proceeding in a deliberate manner, not rushing into anything. Each system is represented as well as 3 folks from the State Advisory Council, a total of nine people. Several good ideas were discussed. The task force needs to have a report ready the first quarter of 2014. The question was asked when the systems were started. From 1970 to 1980 there were six regions. In 1980 to 1983 there was a proposal to fund the regions as public entities,

but this failed several times. So they were set up as 501C3 and have functioned that way since 1984. We are to let Dorothy know if there is something we believe they should be thinking about.

Friends Report

The Kindle raffle brought in \$281. Tom Schmitz's two dolls went for \$112 and the candy for \$150. They still have to back the sales tax out of the money from the dolls. Apollo donated \$500 for the Friends helping with the Apollo booth which was right next to the Friends table. There are two private movie showings coming up, but they haven't heard the date yet. The book fair is November 23rd. Barnes & Noble has been very good to the Friends. They mailed out some stickers that said "I'm shopping the book fair," but they can't verbally say anything about the book fair while it is going on. They also have online sales available that starts 5 days prior. It was asked whether libraries could purchase books during the book fair. Becky said that Hilary had some way of entering information for libraries, but she didn't know what it was.

NLC Report

Richard said the Manuals and DVD's, etc. are in the mail. Since there were very few submissions the Youth Grants have been re-opened. The new due date is Oct. 31st. School Library Grants are available from the Laura Bush Foundation. The Foundation provides books for kids. There has to be a 80% rate of free and reduced lunch program in the area to apply for the grant. The deadline is Dec. 2nd. The Nebraska Center for the Book is sponsoring Letters about Literature. There are 3 age groups, Grades 4-6; Grades 7-8; and Grades 9-12. The students write a letter to their favorite author explaining how the book they wrote changed their life. Due dates for older kids is Dec. 10th, and for the younger grade groups, Jan 10th. The winners in Nebraska will have a proclamation-signing ceremony at the capital during National Library Week 2014. The National winners receive \$1,000 and honor winners receive \$200.

Viniamuri is to speak at the Omaha Public Library's Millard Branch on November 14th.

Everyone is invited to the Celebration of Nebraska books at the Nebraska State Historical Society's Museum of Nebraska History on Oct. 26th.

The Nebraska Library Commission has been chosen for the Jane Pope Geske Award this year.

NCompass will be Tech Talk with Michael Sauers on October 30th, "See Dots @ Wilson Public Library' on November 13th, and "new to Talking Book & Braille Service: Downloads and Apps!" on November 20th. There are only two more basic skills classes this year.

The handout Richard gave us included a list of the 2013 scholarship recipients. The deadline for transcripts and letters of recommendation for scholarships is October 25th. Applications are due Nov. 1 for undergraduate degrees, associate degrees, or certification. There will not be any scholarships this year for the graduate level.

The new library accreditation guidelines were changed to a very different format this year. These have been useful to folks as they can now have the statistics for comparison. Getting the strategic plan done in time was the hardest part this year. A training schedule is being set up so they have the training early next year. They have had a good response. Two new libraries are accredited. They like the floating totals that add up. The Boards are learning what it is for. One librarian didn't read the mass emails. When we get an email from SELS or the Library Commission we need to read it. Don't just delete it. Some don't read their email if they are not at work. The subject line is very important. Scott said some are getting a jump start on the strategic planning.

United for Libraries is a national organization that is a subdivision of ALA. They have good information available to Nebraska library trustees, library directors, and library staff at no charge to them. They have Trustee Academy presentations which are much better and more sellable for library boards. There is a Webinar series on recruitment and retention of baby boomers as volunteers. International dot day was Sept. 15th.

Other Business

Do we want Scott's NLA activity in the report? We would like a short paragraph. It is good to know what he is doing with NLA, ALA, MPLA. Scott is the web master.

The Committees will meet until 12:00 p.m.

Marketing Committee: Chair Sabrina. They discussed the Front Porch award. They could send information through the mail, newsletters, or they could post on Facebook. The Commission could do a mass mailing. They also talked about rebranding for the system, a new logo, letterhead, whole package. With the reorganization, the rebranding is

put on hold. The whole state might need rebranding. They could sponsor a statewide competition with the colleges and they talked about a prize. The committee was glad to see Scott doing all of the visits. The informational brochure could be redesigned to help Scott with his visits. Brenda is still the voicemail at the Office. Richard suggested that Scott have his picture up somewhere.

Continuing Education Committee: They discussed Extravaganza . They are thinking of the 30th of May as the date and will check with Becky. A Tech track was suggested. Megan Boggs would do Password Management. They talked about graphic novels and comics, and book repair/preservation as topics. The committee would like information that would help patrons get supplies in this area. Book reviews, possibly nonfiction, and microfilm to digital with the State Historical Society presenting were suggested. Richard said they might have some useful information before May. The Historical Society and the Commission are going to be coming up with some guidelines. Someone from the Commission could probably do a session on it. We would like to know what the State Historical Society is doing with digitization. We have to determine the quality of the microfilm first and know who holds the copyright. They might need more than 50 minutes for such a presentation. Other topics suggested included sensory story time, fundraising ideas, and how to determine scams. Scott suggested sending out a message about the topics and asking others to vote on which topics they are most interested in. The top votes would maybe be given twice, medium given once, and low votes on a back burner. Otherwise we will just put it together. The committee talked about topics for Academic libraries and decided that it might be better to have a day specifically for Academic Libraries. They tried both email and phone last year to contact the Academic Libraries and only one responded back. Richard said this system has more institutional libraries than any other system. He has tried to get them apply for grants. He thinks the bureaucracy is the problem. Scott will check with these librarians. Carolyn said she was the only public librarian in S&I, but they have a couple of special collections in their library.

Services Audit Committee: They finished service I and wanted to know if they should cross off or come up with alternatives. Some ideas for alternatives were added. They will try to be finished by the December meeting.

There are presently 267 public libraries, but there used to be 270. With them trying to reduce the number of systems, should SELS be just for public libraries or should we continue to be for all kinds of libraries? The task force is making recommendations to the Commission. The Commission will be the one to make the final decision. Dorothy thinks they are also making recommendations of how the configuration will be drawn, and how the services will be provided. The model may have to be changed.

Jan was thanked for hosting us today.

The next Meeting is Dec. 5th at Seward. We were asked to please participate in the Doodle Survey to set up the rest of the SELS meetings this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Ruth Carlock, Secretary

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of:

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*The cold never
bothered me anyway.*

-Elsa, Frozen

Southeast Library System is a multi-type library network with 248 members offering a wide range of service in public, school, academic, institutional and private libraries (Membership list with populations from 2000 Census are on the SELS web page: www.selsne.org.) Membership includes 12 academic institutions, including the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, four private colleges, three community college campuses, a state college and a technical school. Fifty-four public libraries are system members. The majority of these libraries (34) serve populations fewer than 1,000. The system counts 146 school media centers among its members, 54 that are Lincoln Public Schools, with most of those belonging to Class 3 schools (population areas between 1,000 and 100,000). Fourteen of the school media centers are parochial. The system has 28 special and institutional members, most of which are located in Lancaster County.